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## ..Introduction..



In presenting this volume to the public, the Calgary Fire Department desires to extend greetings to all who have in the past manifested their appreciation of the department's efforts to satisfactorily perform its duties, and to especially thank those members of the business community who have extended to this volume and the cause in the interest of which it is issued, their advertising patronage and cheering words.

The chief object of the work has been to promote the best interests of its patrons and perpetuate the Relief Fund similar to those maintained in all other cities for the benefit of sick and disabled firemen, as well as form a more thorough acquaintance of the citizens with this branch of the city government, without doubt, the most important of all from the property owner's viewpoint.

While we find it impossible to treat the subject of the fireman without the appearance of a resort to sentimentalism, we feel that a word should be said of the men who protect property from devastation and ruin and who are in readiness at any hour of the day or night to sacrifice, if necessary, their lives in the faithful performance of their duties.

The soldier on land and sea, the pride of the nation, the envy of the civilized world, with much more to impel him to deeds, performs acts of no greater bravery and daring than the fireman. Passion, temper, hatred or rancor toward an enemy in battle spurs the soldier on to deeds of reckless daring that serve to emblazon his name upon the pages of our country's history. How different the incentives that actuate the fireman; his mission is to save, not to destroy. He must be cool-headed, calculating and careful. He is

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In fact, deeds of daring by firemen are of such frequent occurrence that they are as "names writ in water," and though of equal heroism with those who fight our country's battles, his fame is at best but short-lived and purely local. In the gallery of the world's heroes there is no niche set apart for the "fire-laddie," and he performs his duty with no desire or hope to hear his praises sung by the multitudes.

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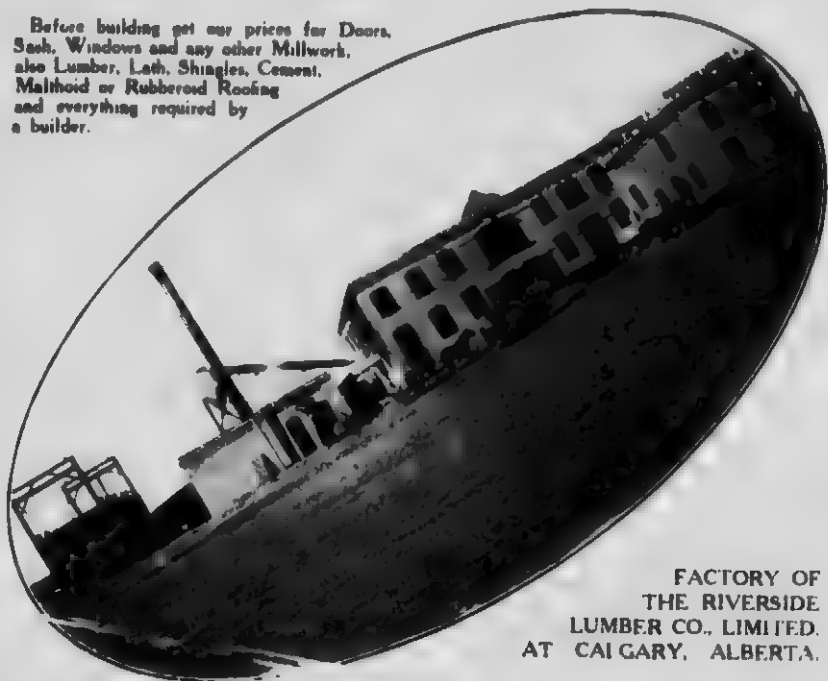
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If a city is to be judged by the efficiency of its Fire Department, the City of Calgary should, and does, occupy an enviable position in the mercantile and insurance world. In twenty-five years the place has grown from a conglomeration of tents and shacks to a modern city of forty-five thousand people, and the Fire Department has developed from a bucket brigade to one of the best and most up-to-date departments on the continent. Although the department has always been progressive, the strides of the last two or three years have been exceptional. Last year three more stations were added, making a total of six, and three carloads of apparatus were required to equip same, including a Flying Squadron Motor Chemical Car. At the same time the volunteers, who had given good service in the past, were retired, and a full paid body of thirty-six men was installed.

The alarm system of the department has also been augmented by the addition of a Six-circuit Gamewell Repeater and Switchboard, controlling at present fifty-six fire alarm boxes, well distributed throughout the city. The controlling boards are capable of much greater extensions, which will likely be made during the coming year.

The stations of the department are substantial buildings, and are comfortably arranged for both the men and horses, with the exception of Headquarters, which is not in keeping with the pretensions of the City of Calgary. This building was erected about twenty-three years ago, for the accommodation of the village fire brigade, and has consequently outgrown its usefulness. However, it is anticipated that the citizens will undertake to build a new headquarters in the near future, in keeping with the requirements of the department and the development of the city.

The promptness and efficiency of the department is a matter of comment, both by citizens and visitors, and this, in a great measure, is accountable for the city's freedom from serious fires, although the brigade averages about twenty calls per month.

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The present Chief of the department, James Smart, was elected to the position in 1898, and to him great credit is due for the condition of the department. Chief Smart has been president of the Provincial Firemen's Association during the past two years, and still continues in the position. He was also president of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' Association for a couple of terms.

The Chief is ably seconded in the directing of the department by Arthur Turner, who was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief in 1909, after many years' experience in the department, and as captain of No. 2 Station.

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In matters of entertainment their minstrel shows and amateur performances were looked forward to with interest, and the annual ball given by the department was the social event of the season.

The associations of the department with other bodies in the city have always been the most cordial, and they look for the continuance of the same good feeling.

### **Firemen's Benefit Association**

As the title of this book will indicate, the department have in connection a strongly organized Benefit Association, for the assistance of its members in case of sickness or accident. They have been enabled to carry on this work through the generous assistance of many of our leading citizens, and it is hoped by the publication of this souvenir to still further augment the funds.

Fortunately, very few calls have been made thus far, but in the hazardous work of fire-fighting the men are always taking their lives in their hands, and it is some consolation to now that in case of accident they have even a small measure of protection.

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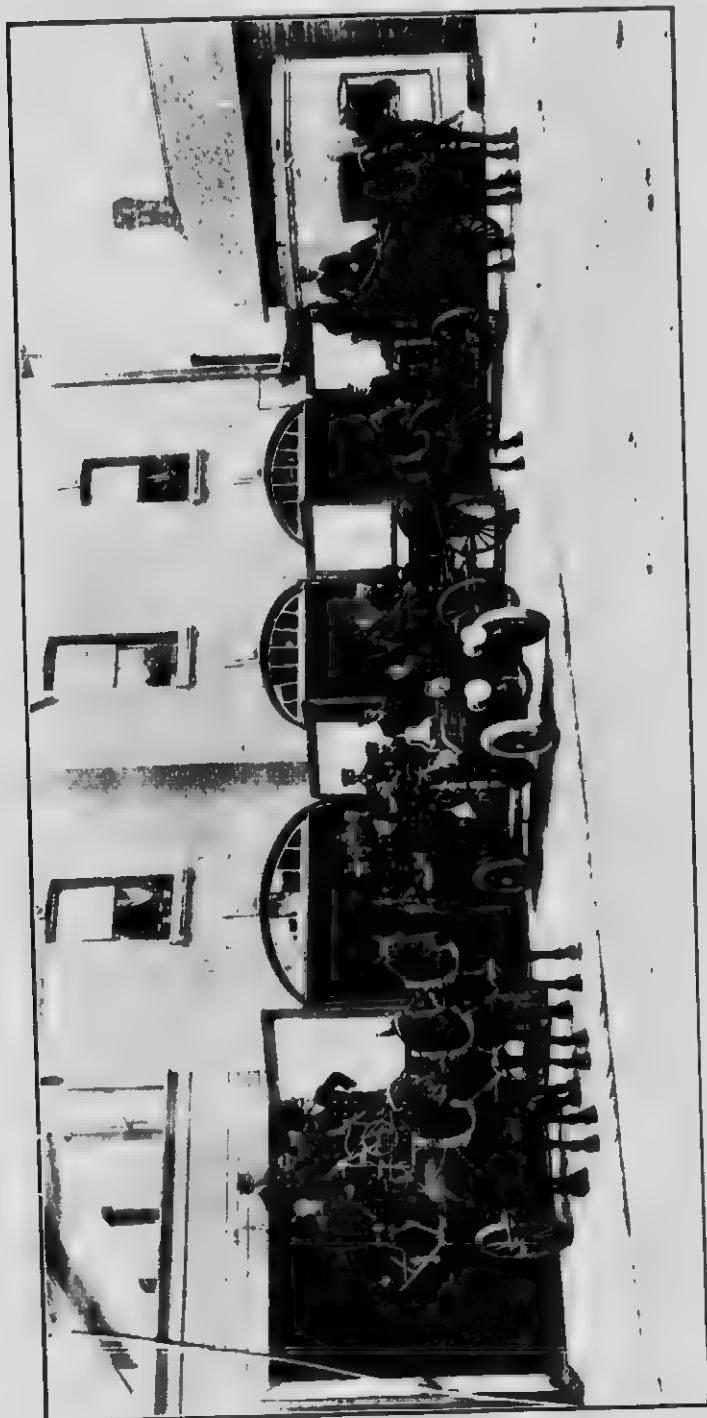
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This fire was the means of considerable dissatisfaction, and on November 1st of 1886 a meeting was held, with Archie Grant in the chair. Steve Jarrett was elected Chief, Bob Ogburn Assistant Chief, and W. J. Creighton, Secretary. It was recommended that a Fire Hall be built. This was approved of by the Council, and the present Hall constructed.

On April 12th, 1887, Chief Jarrett resigned and Frank Dick was elected to the position, with Bob Ogburn Assistant Chief.

In May, 1887, the new Fire Hall was completed and the citizens contributed \$500 towards furnishing. It was informally opened on May 24th, by a concert and dance and an inaugural dance took place on June 9th.

About this time a digression occurred. The Town Council became greatly enamored of their new handiwork in the shape of the new Fire Hall and proceeded to hold their meetings therein and make it a general place of civic business. This did not meet with the approval of the brigade, so Chief Dick and his members stepped down and out, sold their turntur and donated the proceeds to the hospital.

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This occurred on July 23rd, 1880, when a meeting was held in the office of E. R. Rogers, and a decision arrived at to have the regular brigade again take charge. A memorial was presented to the Council embodying the wishes of the men, and was adopted with slight changes, thus securing harmony between the two bodies. The hall and appliances were accordingly turned over to the original brigade.

From this time on the brigade forged ahead. More water tanks were established throughout the town and approaches were made to the Bow River on the North and the Elbow River on the South, for the purpose of filling them.

In the year 1890 the brigade began to look for other fields of action, and on January 11th steps were taken to purchase a set of band instruments from the Oddfellows, but before they could be executed Mr. D. W. Marsh, out of his own munificence presented the band with the instruments, uniforms, music stands, etc. A band was organized which was carried on with varied success under different leaders for a number of years.

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A gymnasium was also organized and conducted successfully for some time. About this time a dispute arose as to qualifications for membership in the department, and it was declared that no man be disqualified for membership on account of his religious belief, the only qualifications necessary being honesty, respectability and fitness for the position.

1895—Improvements were made on the suggestion of the brigade, although the members had to threaten to resign if same were not granted. The additions consisted of matched team of horses, chemical hose, grappling hooks, repairs to hall, salary to chief, etc.

1896—On March 9th of this year J. Wilson, now Superintendent of Waterworks, was appointed to the paid position of engineer and handed in his resignation as chief of the brigade. H. McClelland was elected to the position of chief.

1897—In June of this year the brigade turned their hand to fighting water instead of fire. A serious flood of the Bow River occurred. The brigade was called out and did heroic work rescuing residents on the water front. They were voted \$75 by the Council for services.

1898—H. McClelland, chief; Jas. Smart, assistant chief and secretary-treasurer. On March 7th Chief McClelland resigned, and on the 21st James Smart was elected to the head of the brigade, and H. B. Wilson was elected secretary-treasurer. After the 24th of May sports of this year the brigade undertook to purchase uniforms out of their own funds. Thirty men were uniformed at a cost of about \$18.00 per man.

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Fireman.

JAMES MCKEE  
Truckman.

1900—The close of this year is memorable in the history of the brigade on account of the big Clarence Block fire on Christmas. The fire started shortly after midnight, and the boys were kept at it all Christmas day, in the cold, missing their share of the plum pudding, roast turkey and other dainties of the festive season.

1901—This was a memorable year, in that the brigade held their first church parade. New uniforms were purchased for the band at a cost of about \$500. During the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York the brigade acted as special police, and had their hall elaborately decorated but the royal eyes were not cast upon it. Through the efforts of Bandmaster Smith and Chief Smart a band stand was erected in the C. P. R. park. Chief appointed Fire Inspector.

1902—Benefit Association organized to provide for members injured at fires or practises. This association began its good work of assisting sick and disabled members at a special meeting called on March 25th, at which Chief James Smart explained the objects of the association as being similar to those attached to all well regulated fire departments throughout the larger cities of Canada and the United States. He urged that the time had now arrived when the Calgary Fire Department should be more prepared than ever for the care of its members, because the City was increasing rapidly, and its buildings were every year gaining greater proportions, consequently more dangers would have to be faced and greater would be the casualties, and that a step in the direction of creating a fund for relief purposes could not fail to be for the benefit of all and the department in general.

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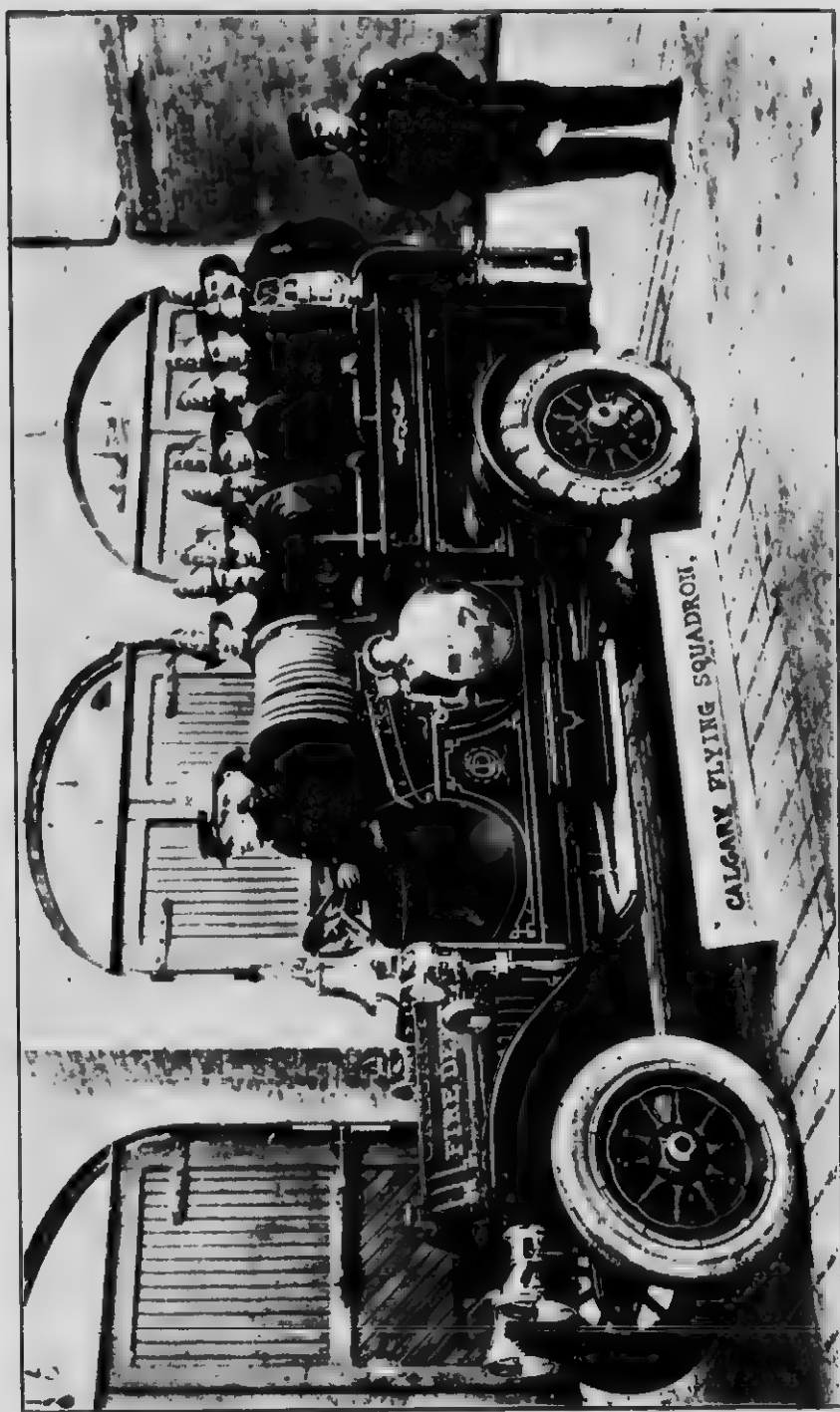
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1904—Recommendations made to the Council for a double chemical engine, new up-to-date hose wagon, new fire engine, and fire stations south of track and east of Elbow River, all of which were carried out.

On January 15th—a bitterly cold night—the Fire Department was called out to fight what proved to be a most disastrous fire. The fire started in the two-storey stone building, known as the Norman Block, and owned by Hon. J. A. Lougheed. Considering the poor water pressure, and the breaking down of the pumps at the pumping station, the firemen had a difficult proposition, but stopped what might have proved a conflagration.

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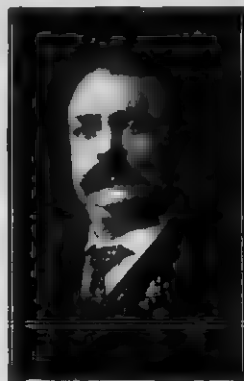
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1905—The most serious fire of this year occurred on the cold, stormy evening of February 8th, the thermometer registering 49 below zero.

On March 14th a Waterous engine of 800 gal. capacity was added to the department, and on June 26th a Seagrave aerial truck and a standard hose wagon were received and put into commission.

1906—On January 4th the department was asked for assistance from the town of High River, which was threatened. A special train was in waiting at the station, and the Waterous engine, 2,000 feet of hose and 12 men, under Chief Smart, were sent inside of an hour after receiving the word. Water had to be pumped from the river, and after three hours' hard work the apparatus was again loaded and returned to the City.

July 19th gave Calgary a substantial reduction in insurance rates. The table of the old and new rates was as follows:

	Old.	New.
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NO 4. STATION

On August 28th the 14th annual convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs was held in the City of Calgary, delegates being present from as far west as California, and east to Port Arthur.

1907—This year was one of Calgary's fortunate years, no serious fires having occurred. The total loss for the year was kept down to \$37,378, while the total risk amounted to \$756,215.

Nothing of an unusual nature transpired in the life of the department.

1908—In March of this year six new full paid men were added to the department.

The most disastrous fire during the year occurred on Friday, September 25th, at 6:20 p.m. The fire was raging fiercely in a three-storey brick factory building of the Standard Soap Works, East Calgary. The general alarm was sounded, and after about two hours' hard fighting the fire was got under control. By the efforts of the brigade the fire was kept confined to the east end of the factory, where a large quantity of tallow, grease and resin was stored.

1909—In this year great advancement and improvements were made towards the fire protection of the City.

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During the latter part of the year three new Sub-Stations were erected and a full paid department was inaugurated in December.

The largest fire during the year occurred on January 2nd, at the Western Milling Co.'s elevator, East Calgary. It was a bitter cold night and an all night job. The elevator was a total loss, but the mill and other buildings were saved.

1910—On February 10th two car loads of fire apparatus were received, consisting of one Motor Chemical, one Combination Wagon and four Hose Wagons, which were then all duly installed at sub-stations in Riverside, Mount Royal and Hillhurst. The Motor Chemical was kept at Headquarters, for the purpose of responding to all fires in the city, carrying eight men to re-enforce outside stations.

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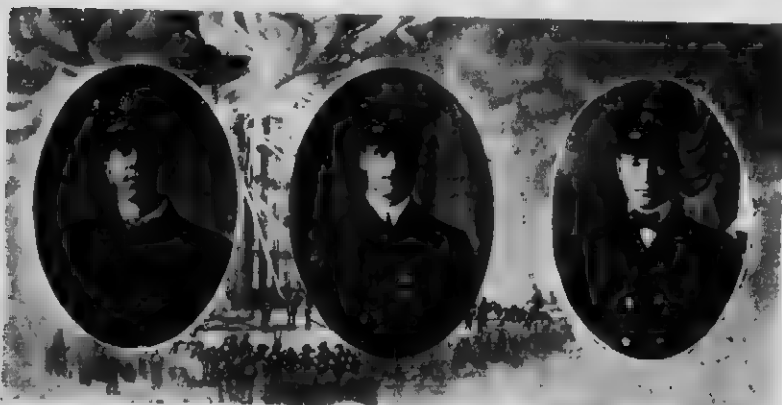


WILLIAM KINNEAR  
Fireman.

fifty-six boxes. These are placed to advantage throughout the City, and are indicated by a red incandescent light, suspended from the pole.

The most serious fire so far during the present year occurred at the elevators of the Calgary Milling Co., at 2:45 a.m. April 14th, and one elevator was almost totally destroyed, but the department saved almost \$40,000 salvage to the owners.

On August 10th the Milling Co. were again unfortunate in having to call the services of the department, this time for a fire in the large flouring mill and warehouse. The building was a good save; but there was considerable damage to goods.



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NO. 5 STATION

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Year	Alarms		Risks	Insurance	Losses
1894	10	No record kept			
1895	15	.. ..			
1896	10	.. ..			
1897	8	.. ..			
1898	6	.. ..			
1899	8	.. ..			
1900	19	.. ..			
1901	14	.. ..			
1902	19	.. ..			
1903	22	.. ..			
1904	30	.. ..			
1905	44		\$ 382,640	\$108,550	\$10,609
1906	54		298,342	126,000	19,406
1907	93		756,212	281,175	37,378
1908	116		1,188,282	627,500	67,153
1909	125		1,237,190	791,470	82,349
1910	131	(Up to 21st Oct.),			

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NO. 6 STATION

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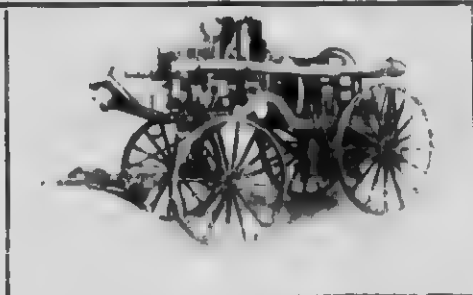
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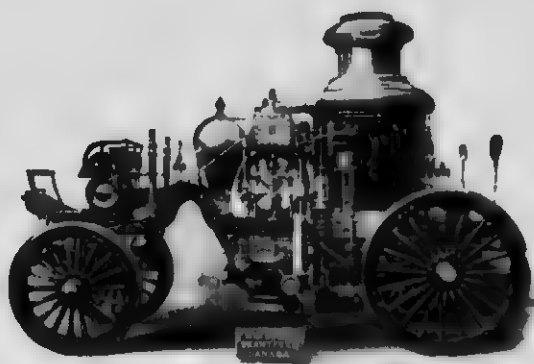


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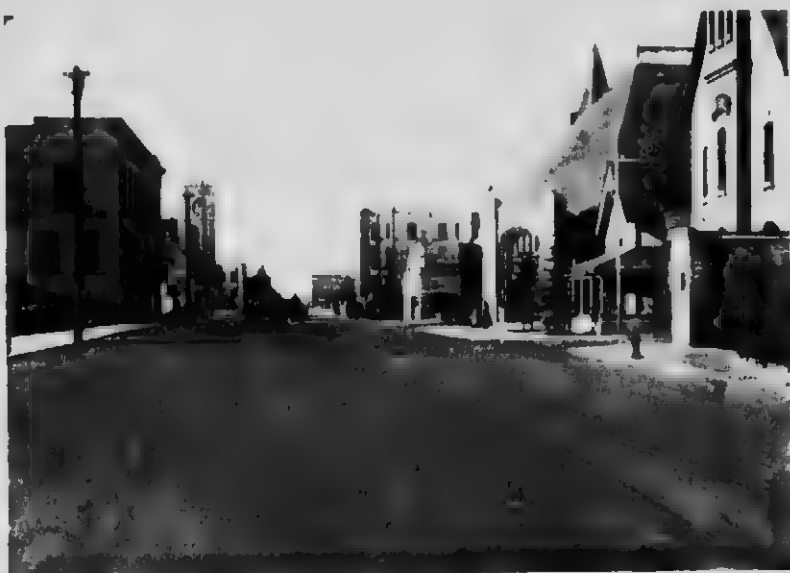
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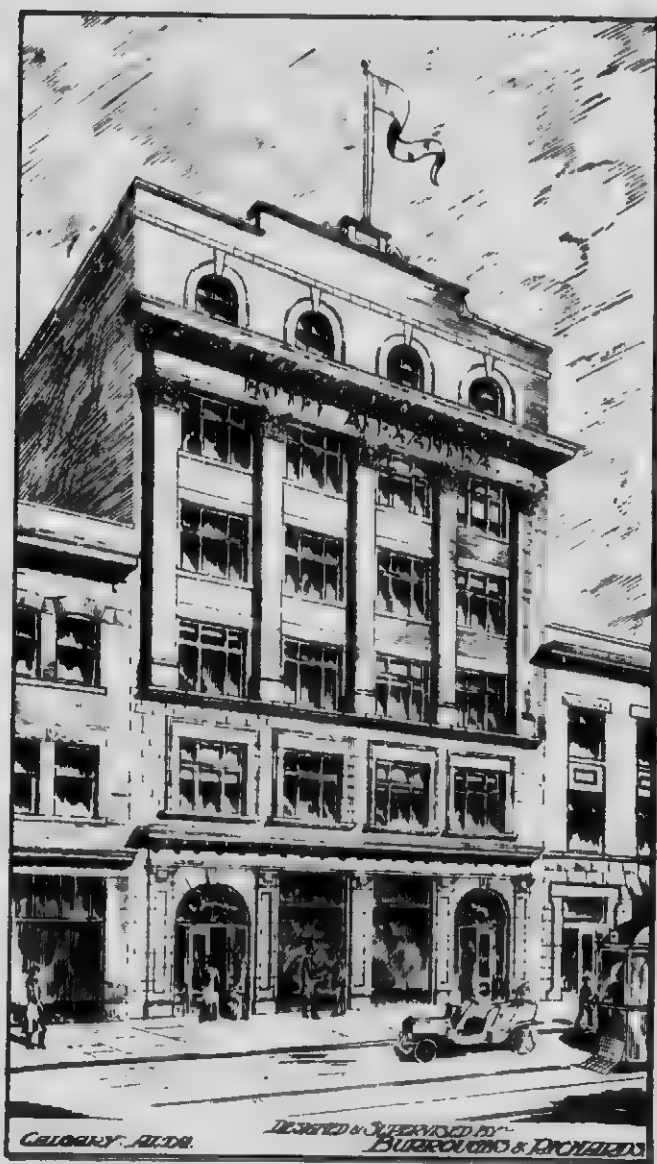
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Calgary has many social organizations devoted to amateur theatricals, cards, dancing, debates, literary and scientific pursuits and music.

#### AREA.

The city of Calgary covers twelve square miles, or 1,680 acres, and is three miles from north to south and five miles from east to west.

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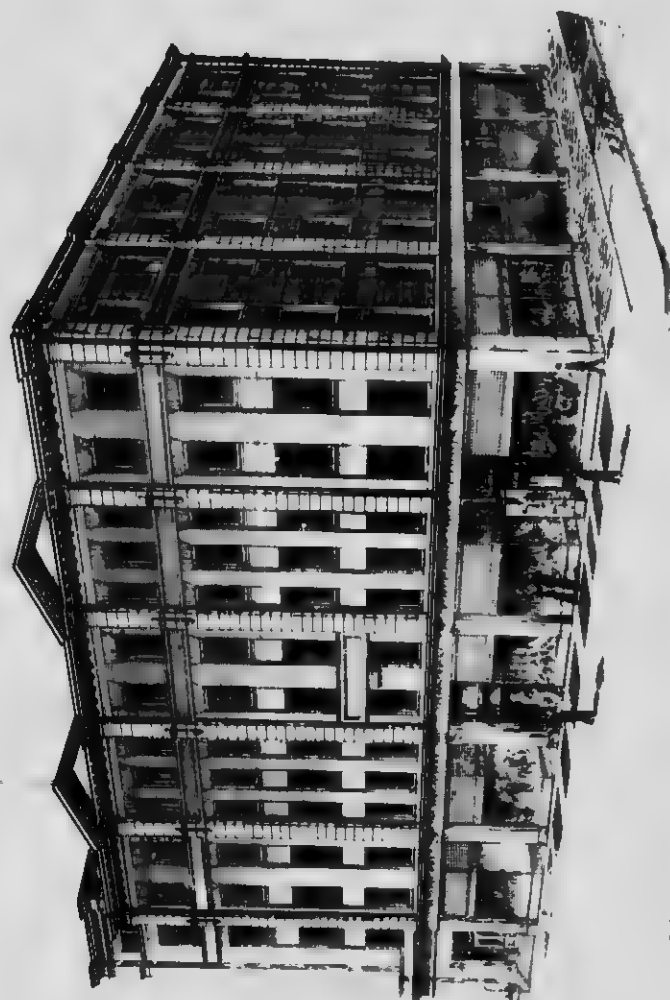
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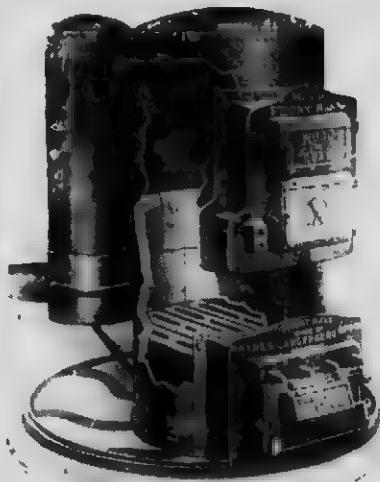
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777 building permits were issued in Calgary, 1909; total, \$2,904,542. These were for fifteen wholesale warehouses, fifty-two business blocks and 617 residences.

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#### SITUATION.

Calgary is 3,389 feet above sea level.

Calgary is in the same latitude as Southampton, England, and Brussels, Belgium. It is south of London, England, and Berlin, Germany, and is 600 miles south of St. Petersburg, Russia.

The mean temperature at Calgary for the last ten years has been: Spring, 36.2; summer, 56.9; autumn, 39.9; winter, 18.5. Mean annual, 37.9.

July is the warmest month in Calgary; average for the last ten years, 60.1. February is the coldest month, average for the same time being 14.7.

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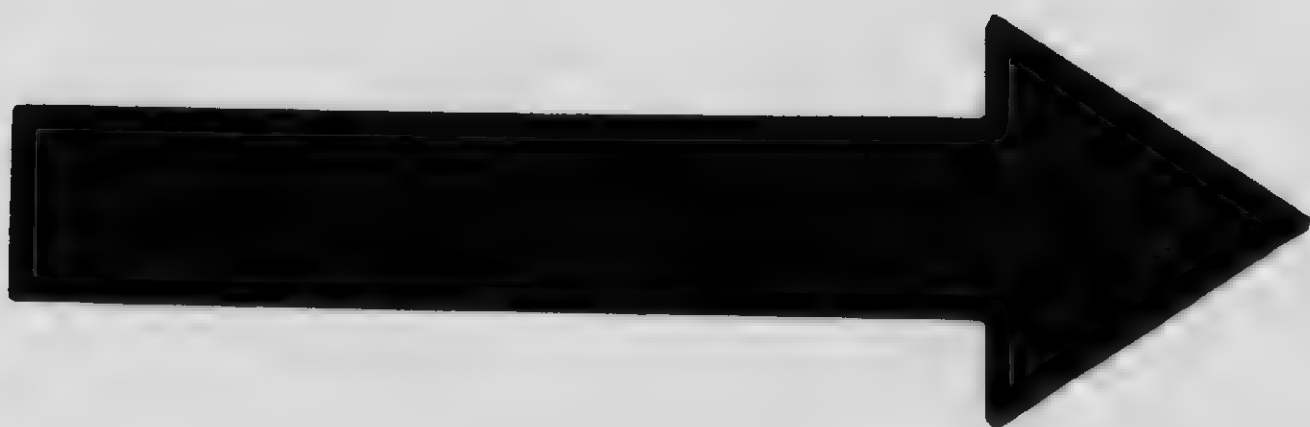
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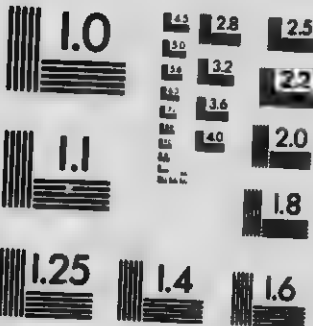
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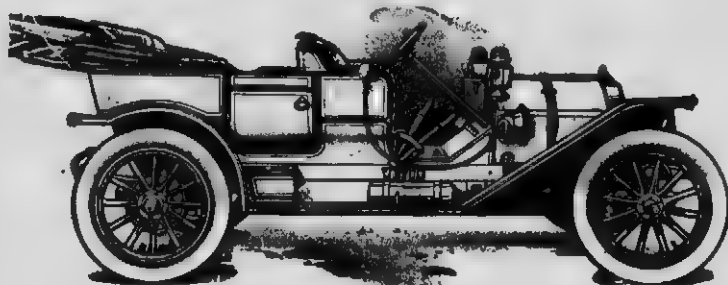
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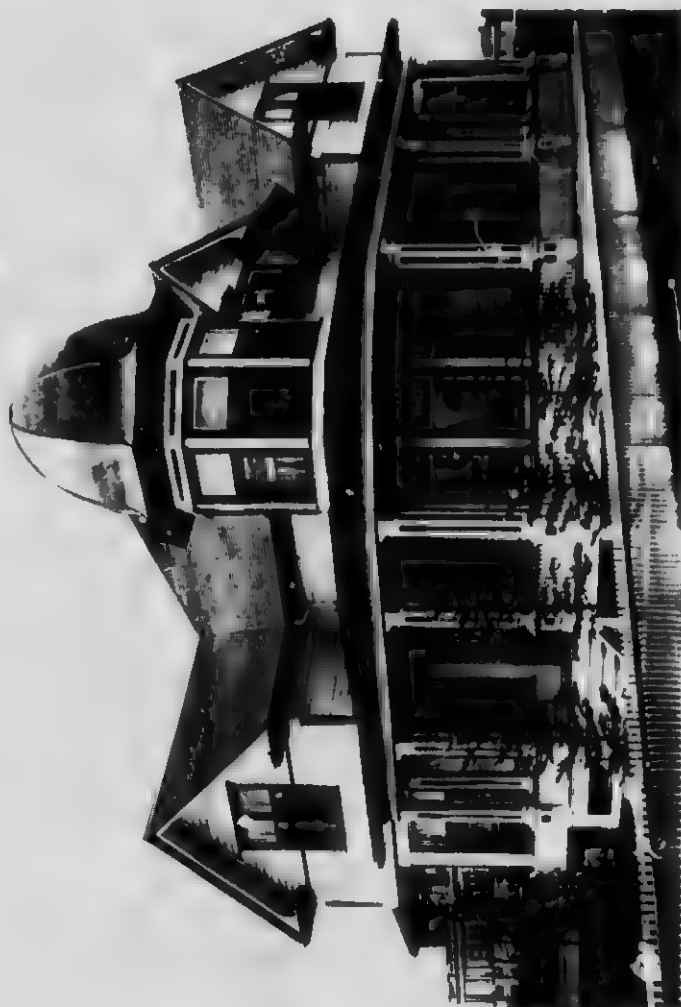
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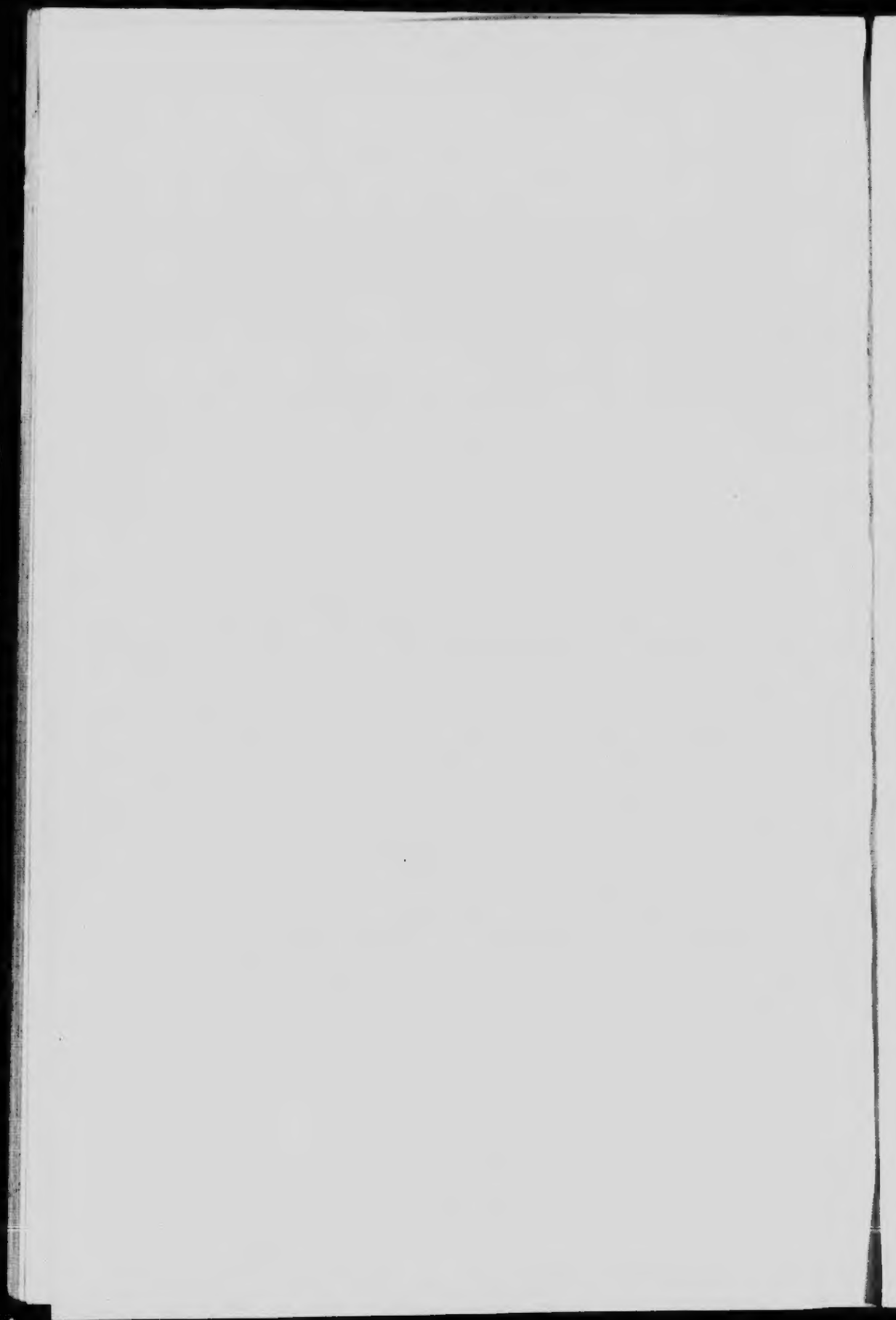
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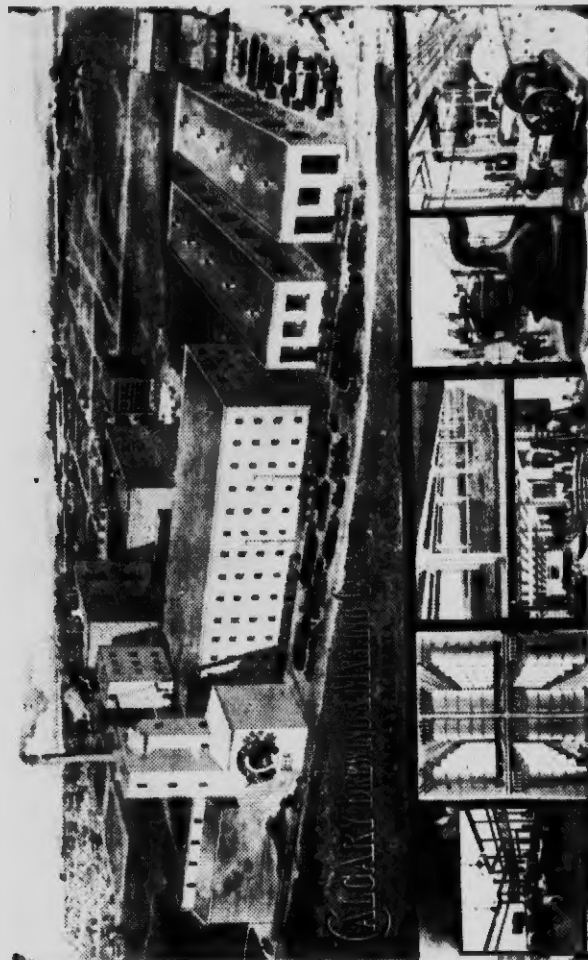
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